

TIDE COMMITTEE
May 1, 2024
3:00 p.m.
Edisto Beach Town Hall

Minutes

Present: Gary Cantrell, Chair, and Betsy Daise, Edye Graves, Lisa White, and Lynne Grout

Absent: Clark McCrary and Camille Lemon

Staff Present: Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey, and Municipal Clerk Donna Iskra

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Gary Cantrell, Chair, at 3:00 p.m.

New Business

Kristi Outland presented an update to the committee on Keep Edisto Beautiful. Ms. Outland reported that the KEB Board was approved by Town Council at the April 11, 2024 meeting and the Board will be electing officers at the next meeting. They are working on a new website and will begin training with Palmetto Pride. Ms. Daise asked what the TIDE Committee can do to assist them, and Ms. Outland responded they always need volunteers, inventive ways to educate the public, and assistance in designing a refillable bottle.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Graves made a motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grout, which was approved unanimously.

Town Administrator Updates

Mr. Aakhus reported on the following items:

- Mr. Aakhus noted signage and reflective strips have been installed at the crosswalk for Jungle Road Park bathroom. There will be a concrete path for the kiosk and bike path/bike repair, and it is scheduled to open as soon as the moratorium is lifted. Ms. Daise suggested a sign on the doors stating the bathrooms are currently closed.
- There will be refillable water dispensers installed at both Jungle Road Park and Bay Creek Park encouraging the use of refillable water bottles.
- New signage has been installed for the business district and the tennis/pickleball courts. Mr. Cantrell mentioned the pickleball courts are hard to find and suggested even more signage. The DNR signage for alligators has been installed at the lagoons.
- Recommendation has been made to DOT regarding the repaving of Jungle Road, recapturing the easements for bike paths on both the ocean-side and the marsh-side.

New Business/General Discussion

- Ms. Graves shared with the group an article on proper beach etiquette and asked if we could include something on the Town's website sharing this information. Ms. Stalvey stated there is similar information already on the website but will take a look to see which items can be incorporated on that webpage.
- Ms. White asked if the lighting for Jungle Road Park has been decided. Mr. Aakhus stated that it has, and the lighting will be focused to the ground, not above.
- Ms. Grout asked if the deer study was done annually, and Mr. Aakhus responded it is done periodically to determine the health of the population. He also noted we donated 1700 pounds of fresh venison to the local churches and food banks.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Graves made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. White seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE



Dee Stalvey, Assistant Town Administrator
July 3, 2024